(b) the reasons for such a collossal additional burden over the planned expenditure; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure timely completion of projects within the parameters of planned expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): (a) As on 31.03.1997, 133 central sector projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above on the monitor of Department of Programme Implementation were having time overrun and cost overrun of Rs. 30473 crores from their original sanctioned cost.

(b) and (c) The projects face various types of problems resulting in time and cost overruns. The list of various factors resulting in time and cost overrun is given in the enclosed *Statement**. The measures being taken by the Government vary from project to project and time to time. However, the nature of measures taken by the Government in general to avoid shortcomings in the implementation is given in the enclosed *Statement II.*

Statement I

Steps taken by the Government to streamline for preparing the original estimates and implementation of projects for reducing overruns.

(i) Two-stage project approval for facilitating adequate preparation, environmental and other clearances and infrastructure planning at stage I before a project is finally approved for implementation at state II.

(ii) Proper monitoring of projects at regular intervals, at various levels to identify constraints and take remedial measures.

(iii) Indepth review of the progress by the project authorities and Administrative Ministries.

(iv) Setting up of Task Force/ Empowered Committees for speedy finalisation of contract packages, solving land acquisition and other problems.

(v) Close follow up by the concerned administrative Ministries and project authorities with the State Government, equipment suppliers, contractors, consultants and other concerned agencies to mininise delays.

(vi) Inter-ministerial co-ordination.

Supervision of works under MPLAD Scheme

264. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aware are that the guidelines regarding supervision of works under MPLAD Scheme are only on paper and no proper supervision is being done by official named in the scheme nor any information is being sent to Members of Parliament; and

(b) the steps taken by Government on the implementation of the measures as given in the MPLAD Scheme?

HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): (a) Some MPs have complained against lack of proper supervision of MPLADS work by the concerned officials.

(b) The State Governments have been requested to issue instructions to all concerned agencies on the need for prompt action and execution of works under MPLADS in accordance with the guidelines and also to ensure monitoring, supervision and co-ordination as outlined in these guidelines.

Top ten economically advanced states

265. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased

to state the names of the top ten States which are economically advanced and their GDP in 1996-97; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): As per the quick estimates of 1995-96 compiled by Central Statistical organisation (CSO) at 1980-81 prices the top ten States having highest Per Capita Net State Domestic Product are Goa, Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh. As regards State GDP, the advance estimate figures for 1996-97 are available only for Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu which are Rs. 44881 crore and Rs. 74434 crore respectively at current prices.

Formulation of Government Planning

266. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's planning is formulated after taking into account the losses incurred by the States due to perennial nature of floods and droughts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) The States formulate their plans keeping in view their development requirements and the available resources. While assessing resources availability for plans, account is taken of the non-plan expenditure incurred by States on various items including those on measures to tackle floods and droughts.

Proposal for cut on MPLADS

267. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has received a letter from the Finance Minister to cut 5% from the allotment of Rupees one crore for implementation of MPLADS of each Member of Parliament;

(b) whether the Commission has agreed to that proposal without taking the opinion of Members of Parliament; and

(c) what is the main intention of the Finance Ministry behind the proposed cut?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) As the Central Budget 1997-98 has come under servere stress on account of post-budget developments, the Finance Ministry have advised all the Ministries/ Departments to thoroughly review their Plan & Non-Plan Budget to achieve at least 5% savings. As regards MPLADS, a final view has not been taken.

Loss of output due to poor infrastructure

268. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Pioneer dated 29th September, 1997 under the caption "Poor infrastructure causes 20% loss of output: PHD";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to remove bottlenecks in power, transport and communications in the interest of production?